

South Precinct Minutes

Meeting held at Gerringong Town Hall

Date: March 14, 2024

Meeting Opened: 7.32 pm

Chair: Chris Cassidy

Minutes: Chris Cassidy

Attendance: As per the Attendance Book (15)

Special Guests: Clr. Renkema-Lang

Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Land on which this Meeting takes place, the Wodi Wodi people of the Dharawal Nation and recognize their continues connection with the land and sea. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and extend that respect to any First Nation's people present."

Apologies: Simon Croft; Raewyn Thomson; Clr. Larkins; Linda Brazier; Vicki Hindmarsh; Sandra Mc Carthy; Rob Coady

Moved: Wes Hindmarsh

Seconded: Warren Holder

Motion : Carried

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved: Neil Miller

Seconded: Wes Hindmarsh

Motion : Carried

Business arising from Previous Minutes: We received a response from Council concerning the Draft SEPP and Development along Rail Corridors. Members also appreciated a response by way of a text message on this matter from Clr. Larkins. After the text text was read out the Meeting requested more detail on the possible future effects on our community.

Executive Report: After a Meeting with Executive members of the GCA, it was decided not to pursue an amalgamation. Central Precinct has yet to decide on what position they will adopt on their future pending Council's review of the current system. We will keep in touch with their Executive and advise of any decisions that they make.

The Meeting was advised the passing of Graham Fairbairn's wife. Graham has been a long-standing member of South Precinct, and sadly his wife has battled for some time with Dementia so we will send a card to him on behalf of our members.

Howard provided an update on the proposed letter box drop to raise awareness of the Precinct.

Correspondence in:

- (1) **February 16:** From KMC: Response concerning questions raised regarding the Kiosk at the Crooked River Caravan Park

- (2) **February 20:** From KMC: Response regarding 48 Campbell St Sub-division
- (3) **February 23:** From Clr. Renkema-Lang: Newsletter
- (4) **February 29:** From KMC: Council calling for open community dialogue on Growth and Community Engagement
- (5) **March 6:** From KMC: Invitation form Manager Communications and Engagement to discuss Community Engagement Strategy
- (6) **March 8:** From KMC: Inviting people to “Paint a Poppy “in the lead up to ANZAC Day

Correspondence Out:

- (1) **February 12:** To KMC: Regarding the Planning Proposal for 48 Campbell St Gerringong
- (2) **February 12:** To KMC: Regarding the Draft SEPP on changes to low and mid-rise housing and Development at Rail Corridors
- (3) **February 12:** To KMC: Forwarding a copy of the February Meeting Minutes for South Precinct
- (4) **February 12:** To KMC: Question concerning the Kiosk at Crooked River Caravan Park
- (5) **March 11:** To OLG (Office of Local Government) : Questions about Council’s obligations regarding the Lease/Licence for the Gerringong Surf Club and Ministerial consent

Moved: Neil Miller **Seconded:** Warren Holder

That Correspondence be received and noted.

Motion: Carried

Correspondence Awaiting Response

- (1) **January 12:** To KMC: Questions regarding the proposed Lease for the Surf Club and operations of the coffee shop
- (2) **February 12:** To KMC: Resending Item (1)

Treasurers Report: Balance \$ 1435.43

Moved: Warren Holder **Seconded :** Wes Hindmarsh

Motion: Carried

Council Business Papers: The Following matters were discussed specifically:

Minutes of the Sustainable Communities Advisory Committee: It was noted that there was a considerable body of Documents under Reports for Information. There was, however, a distinct lack of discussion noted on any of the items. It would appear to indicate that Committee members were not provided with the Documentation prior to the Meeting. It is also curious as to why a Press release was tabled at the Meeting.

Growth and Housing Strategy Community Engagement: The importance of this Strategy to the future the entire LGA is appreciated as is the importance of getting the right balance between targets to be achieved or imposed as retaining the character of our community. It was noted that in **Phase 2** of the **Community Engagement Activities** under **Identify Assess and Create** at **Point One** there are five bullet points. It refers to the Gerringong release area. It is not known what a 'release area' is in relation to this strategy, maybe we should clarify with Council what this wording means. It doesn't appear to be defined in the Agenda Item.

Request for Funding Assistance – Gerringong Surf Life Saving Club Reconstruction: This matter will be referred to in more detail in General Business.

General Business: The following matters on the Council Agenda were discussed generally:

Item 13.1: Post Exhibition Endorsement – Media Policy; **13.3:** Finance Advisory Committee – Expressions of Interest for member vacancy; **Item 14.3:** Half – Yearly Report - Delivery Program and Operational Plan; **Item 15.1:** 19 and 21 Bourroul St Kiama; **Item 15.5:** Kiama Leisure Centre Service Review; **Item 15.7:** Short Term Rental Accommodation; **Item 19.1:** Financial Sustainability of Local Government; **19.2:** PIO Oversight and Implementation Committee.

Presentations: Debra Moore: Issues relating to the **operation of Holiday Parks**. Debra gave an overview of issues facing residents of the **Holiday Parks** and responded to questions from members present.

Two Items of some importance were discussed at some length, those Items being the **Operation of Holiday Parks** and the request from the **Gerringong Surf Club** for funding to cover unforeseen matters. Concern was expressed regarding this request. What role had Council played in the Contract negotiations. Is there a Legislative requirement on Council to oversee these negotiations? What does a favourable outcome for **Gerringong Surf Club** mean if there are further cost overruns? Is Council now locked into further monetary support? After discussion on both Items, it was suggested, that due to nature of both matters that the Executive be given Delegated Authority to address both matters in the form of correspondence to Council. The meeting was also advised that all members on the email list will receive the final draft of both items prior to them being forwarded to Council.

Motions: That Delegated Authority draft two letters addressing both the Holiday Parks and the Request by Gerringong Surf Club for funding in relation to the re-development.

Moved: Wes Hindmarsh

Seconded: Warren Holder

Motion: Carried

Moved: **Seconded:**

Motion:

The Meeting closed at: 20.52

Next meeting: April 11, 2024

Consult Discussions Group Discussions and Facebook for information between Meetings.